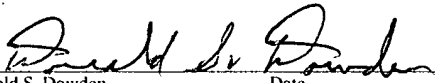


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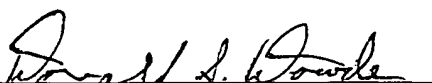
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1, 3-7	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1, 3-7	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 3-7	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 2-31862 A (Nagoya Oilchemical Co., Ltd.), 1 February 1990

Document 2: JP 1-148366 A (Nagoya Oilchemical Co., Ltd.), 9 June 1989

The invention set forth in claims 1 and 3 to 7 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 and 2 cited in the international search report. Document 2 sets forth a feature wherein strip grooves are formed for folding on a masking material.